

Baseball Stadium

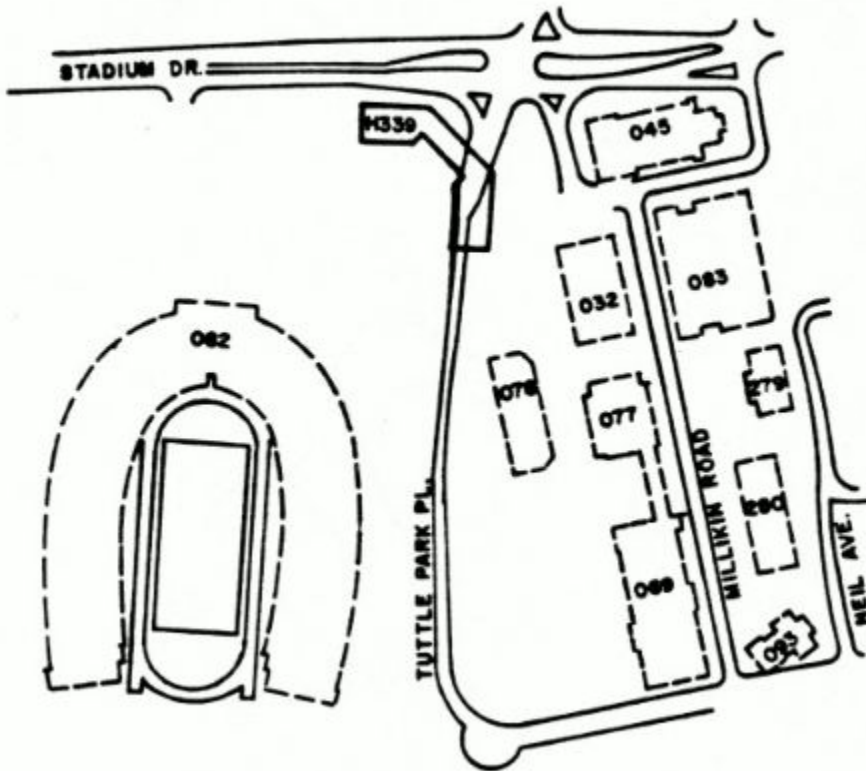
Herrick Archives Number H 339

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Location

1.1 Located northeast of Stadium. Arbitrarily listed at 315 Stadium Drive for indexing purposes.

See map below.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

2. General Description

2.1 No details available, except that stands were constructed of wood, and were not covered.

2.2 The Monthly (15:29 March 1924) reported that the west bleachers at Ohio Field were down and that the lumber would be used for baseball bleachers at the Stadium. Presumably this lumber was used, but no verification has been found.

B. CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION

1. No record of construction has been found.
2. The Lantern on April 1, 1925 reported that the baseball team had worked out on the new Varsity diamond north of the Stadium on the preceding day. No mention of the bleachers was made.
3. The Monthly for May 1925 (16:20-21) reported on the Illinois baseball game on May 20. and included pictures of the crowd in the bleachers.
4. The earliest photograph in Photoarchives showing the new bleachers is X 2348, dated "c. 1925."
5. The latest picture in Photoarchlves showing the bleachers is X 1103, dated 1940. Map 193-54 (October 1940) shows the site of H 339 as a proposed R.O.T.C. drill area, but this does not necessarily mean that the bleachers were gone by that date. Examination of other maps and photographs indicates that the structure was demolished about 1940.

C. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 2877
X 1012
X 1101
X 2348

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Numerous Lantern articles in the spring of 1924 indicate that varsity games that season were played at a field on West Eleventh Avenue.
2. When H 339 was abandoned, a new Varsity diamond was established south of the Stadium between the present Lincoln Tower (271) and the electric substation (079). The Board of Trustees on July 9, 1956 approved plans for a baseball stadium at that location, and rejected all bids on August 4, 1956.
3. Varsity baseball was later moved to a new location southwest of the Biggs Athletic Training Facility (282).

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